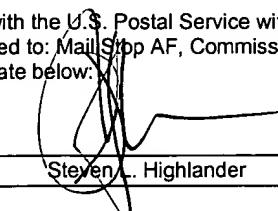


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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO
OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 10, 2003**

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Commissioner:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions for an extension of time of two months to and including November 15, 2003 in which to file an Appeal Brief.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$375.00 is enclosed, which includes the process fee (\$375.00) for a two-month extension of time.

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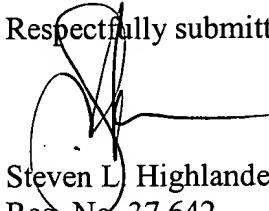
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